

From Your State Senator

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I was honored to join AARP volunteers at the Joseph Doyle Senior Center in Ansonia to discuss the CARE Act proposal which will assist family caregivers to improve in-home care and reduce costly hospital readmissions.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE for ANSONIA

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Support for Family Caregivers

Many older residents who want to live independently at home rely on a family caregiver to perform nursing or medical tasks and provide assistance with a variety of daily needs. When an older resident is discharged from a hospital to home it is important that information about follow-up care be given to the caregiver. That is why I co-sponsored the CARE Act.

This legislation requires hospitals to:

- Give patients the opportunity to designate a caregiver
- Provide the designated caregiver with training and instructions on how to care for the patient at home

Providing Tax Relief for Veterans

I proudly co-sponsored a proposal to deliver a **major tax break for retired veterans by providing a 100 percent state income tax exemption** for federally taxable military retirement pay. Current law in Connecticut provides for a 50 percent exemption of federal retirement pay to retired members of the Armed Forces which benefits approximately 11,000 Connecticut veteran taxpayers each year.

Fighting Rising Electric Rates, Unfair Practices

I am pleased to report that legislation addressing proposed rate requests and unfair practices of some alternative electric suppliers is moving forward. These bills, which I co-sponsored, would:

- Ban variable teaser rates charged to residential customers for electricity
- Limit fixed charges on residential electric bills
- Require accessible locations for public comment on proposed changes in electric rates

FUNDING FOR ANSONIA

State Grant for Ansonia Truck

The state's Intertown Capital Equipment Program provides funding to towns when they jointly purchase capital equipment. Ansonia and Derby applied for and received funds to purchase a food services truck. This program helps towns save money and lessens the tax burden for residents.

State Grant for Ansonia to Expand Preschool

Smart Start is a new state program that provides towns with funding to expand preschool availability. Thanks to this program, Ansonia will be adding a new preschool class of 15 students. I am delighted that these children now will receive a high-quality early childhood education, something every child deserves.